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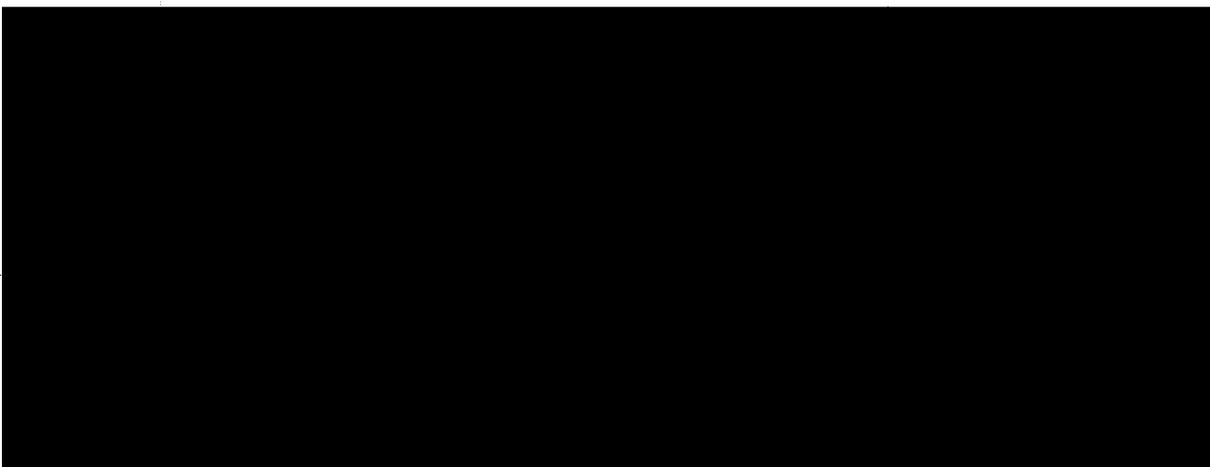
**SUBJECT: Security Aspects of CIA's Relationship to the Defector Program**

1. It is public knowledge that the Central Intelligence Agency has an interest in defectors because of their potential for valuable intelligence information. The manner in which defectors enter the United States, the way in which they are handled, the techniques of exploiting their intelligence potential, and their eventual rehabilitation or resettlement are not generally known.

2. After due consideration, the role CIA plays in these matters and the relationship to the other interested departments and agencies are set forth in classified directives of the National Security Council.

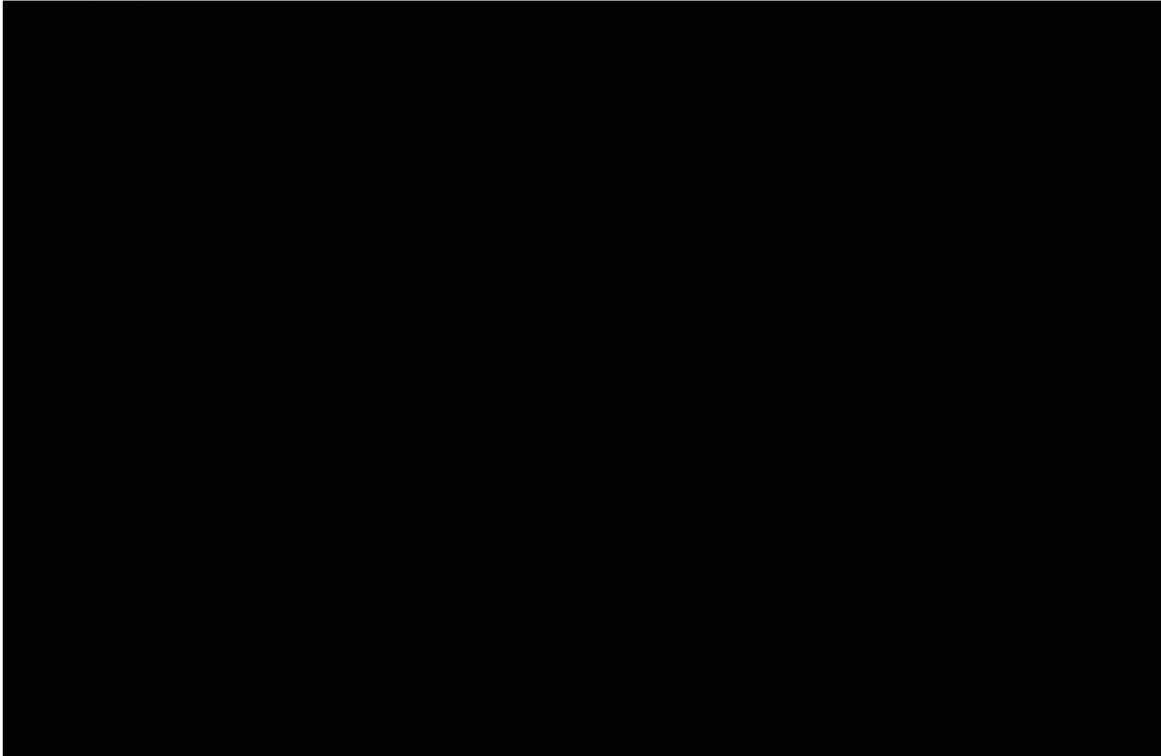
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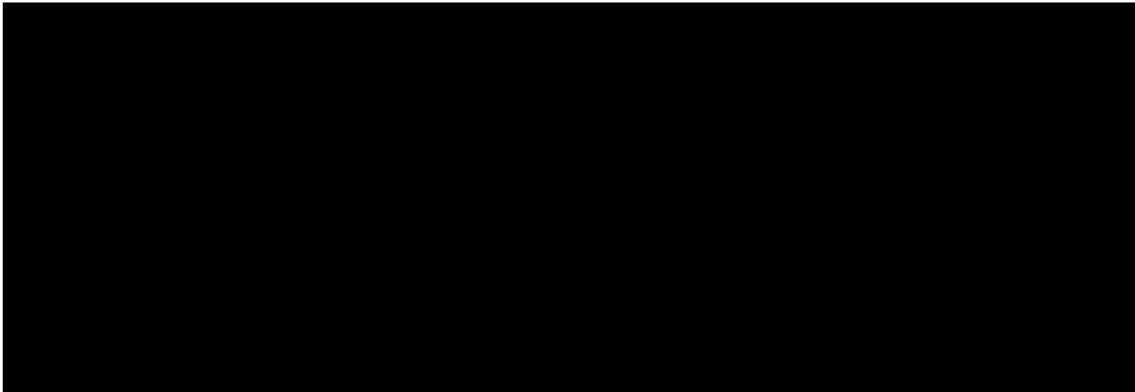


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4. While the CIA is very pleased to discuss its role in these matters with this Committee in executive session, it believes it is extremely important that none of the details of its relationship to the defector program be made public both for the protection of intelligence

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sources and methods and for the protection of the individuals concerned. We have been assured by Committee Counsel that we will have an opportunity to review any transcript of this testimony for editing on security grounds, but in general we believe the relationship of CIA to this problem should be minimized in the public record and only the most general reference made if any. In addition since the directives we operate under are classified by the National Security Council we are not in a position to talk publicly on their subject matter. As a specific example my future usefulness in this role and with the Agency would be greatly reduced if I were publicly disclosed at this time.